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Hitchin' a ride?

Tech. Sgt. John DuBois, 21st Contracting Squadron and Robert M. Miller, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron Chief of Contracts, aren't hitching a ride, they're giving the thumbs up to 21st Space Wing Commander, B. g Duane Deal, indicating it's now clear to drive eastbound on Stewart Ave. last name last name were part of the team which got the year and half long drainage project back on track. the eastbound lane was closed for more than 8 months due to, contractor difficulties and buried asbestos. "The drainage project from Hades is finally complete," Deal said. "Though landscaping work remains, and the road will be resurfaced in the spring, the road is completely open for business."

Services Holiday Hours

Christmas Eve, Christmas Day Tues. and Wed., Dec. 24-25

- Aero Club, 556-4310** - Office closes at noon on Christmas Eve; Closed Christmas Day. Flying weather permitting.
- Aquatics, 556-4608** - Closes at 1 p.m. Christmas Eve; closed Christmas Day.
- Aragon Dining Facility, 556-4782** (menu recording) Regular hours on Christmas Eve for breakfast, lunch, dinner, carry out. Open 6-10 a.m. for brunch and 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. for dinner on Christmas Day.
- Auto Skills, 556-4481** - Closes at noon on Christmas Eve; closed Christmas Day.
- Bowling, 556-4607** - Closes at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve; closed Christmas Day.
- CDC, 554-9572** - Closes at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve; closed Christmas Day.
- Community Activities Center, 556-1733** - Close at noon on Christmas Eve; closed Christmas Day.
- Enlisted Club, 556-4914** - Closed Dec. 22-Jan. 1.
- Family Child Care Office, 556-** Closes at noon on Christmas Eve; closed Christmas Day.
- Fitness Center, 556-4462** - Open 4:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Christmas Eve and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Christmas Day.
- Golf Course, 556-7414** - All facilities close at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve; closed Christmas Day. For members, the course is open for play, weather permitting.
- Granite Inn, 474-3253** (menu recording) - Regular hours for breakfast, lunch, dinner, carry out. Open 6-10 a.m. for brunch, 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. for dinner Christmas Day, and 11 p.m.-12:30 a.m. for midnight meal.
- Library, 556-7462** - Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on Christmas Eve; closed Christmas Day.
- Lodging, 556-6293** - Open 24 hrs. a day, seven days a week.
- Officers' Club, 556-4181** - Closes at 2 p.m. Christmas Eve; closed Christmas Day.
- Outdoor Recreation, 556-4867** - Closes at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve; closed Christmas Day.
- Youth Center, 556-7220** - Closes at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve; closed Christmas Day.

New Year's Eve, New Year's Day Tues. and Wed., Dec. 31 and Jan. 1

- Aero Club, 556-4310** - Office closes at noon on New Year's Eve; Closed New Year's Day. No flying on New Year's Day.
- Aquatics, 556-4608** - Closes at 1 p.m. New Year's Eve; closed New Year's Day.
- Aragon Dining Facility, 556-4782** (menu recording) Regular hours on New Year's Eve for breakfast, lunch, dinner, carry out. Open 6-10 a.m. for brunch and 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. for dinner New Year's Day.
- Auto Skills, 556-4481** - Closes at noon on New Year's Eve; closed on New Year's Day.
- Bowling, 556-4607** - Closes at 4 p.m. on New Year's Eve. Opens at 2 p.m. on New Year's Day.
- CDC, 554-9572** - Closes at 1 p.m. on New Year's Eve; closed New Year's Day.
- Community Activities Center, 556-1733** - Closes at noon on New Year's Eve; closed New Year's Day.
- Enlisted Club, 556-4914** - Closed through Jan. 1. Reopens Jan. 2.
- Family Child Care Office, 556** Closes at noon on New Year's Eve; closed on New Year's Day.
- Fitness Center, 556-4462** - Open 4:30 a.m.-3 p.m. New Year's Eve and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. New Year's Day.
- Golf Course, 556-7414** - Open 8:30 a.m.-dark on New Year's Eve; closed New Year's Day. For members, the course is open for play, weather permitting.
- Granite Inn, 474-3253** (menu recording) - Regular hours on New Year's Eve for breakfast, lunch, dinner, carry out. Open 6-10 a.m. for brunch, 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. for dinner New Year's Day, and 11 p.m.-12:30 a.m. for midnight meal.
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- Officers' Club, 556-4181** - Opens for New Year's Eve celebration at 6 p.m.; closed on New Year's Day.
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Holiday hours

Base Exchange

Dec. 14, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.
Dec. 15, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Dec. 21, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.
Dec. 22, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
Dec. 24, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.
Dec. 25 - Closed
Dec. 31, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Jan. 1, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Days not listed are normal operating hours, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Commissary

Dec. 22, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Dec. 23, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Dec. 24, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Closed Wednesday Dec. 25 (Christmas)
Closed Thursday Dec. 26
Dec. 27, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Dec. 28, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Dec. 29, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Dec. 30, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Dec. 31, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Closed Wednesday Jan. 1 (New Years)
Jan. 2, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.



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A Moment in Time: November



■ On Dec. 14, 1966, A C-141 "Starlifter" became the first jet aircraft to land in Antarctica.

■ On Dec. 14, 1989, Military Airlift Command approved a policy change to allow female aircrew members to serve on C-130 and C-141 airdrop missions.

■ On Dec. 17, 1972, Linebacker II began. From Dec. 18-30, B-52s dropped 15,000 tons of bombs.

Information courtesy of Staff Sgt. Trisha Morgan, 21st Space Wing History Office.

544th IOG moves into new home



By Capt. Bryan Greenstein

544th Information Operations Group

The 544th Information Operations Group is packing up and moving out. No, the unit is not mobilizing for deployment or even leaving Peterson Air Force Base, but transferring 300 yards west to its new home in Building 361.

On Dec. 6, 21st Space Wing Commander, Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, and Col. Lance Schultz, 544th IOG Commander, co-officiated a ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the official opening of the group's new Operational Support Facility.

Since September 1993, the 544th IOG has been proud to call Peterson home, and has occupied office space in the 21st Space Wing headquarters building since February 1997.

In his remarks, Schultz thanked Deal for the tremendous support provided by 21st Space Wing squadrons and base agencies involved in the building project and praised the "Team Pete" spirit of cooperation that exists between the intelligence and space communities:

"This 3-million-dollar project represents more than three years of hard work and close collaboration between Air Combat Command, Air Force Space Command, and the Air Intelligence Agency," said Schultz. "This ceremony successfully culminates the outstanding efforts of the planners, engineers, communicators, security specialists, and intelligence operators that have put so much of their time and energy into this outstanding facility."

The new 7,500 square-foot building will serve as the new permanent headquarters for the 544th Information Operations Group staff. The staff provides administrative support, policy guidance, and functional assistance to 12 subordinate units worldwide, comprised of more than 500 professionals delivering critical space-related information to national decision-makers and warfighting commands.

Col. Lance Schultz, 544th Information Operations Group Commander, and Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, 21st Space Wing Commander, welcome 544th IOG members into their new home in Building 361 after the official ribbon-cutting ceremony Dec. 6.

Photo by Dennis Plummer

Fitness Center one of three in AF awarded 'five-star' rating

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Epperson

21st Space Wing Public Affairs

The Peterson Air Force Base Fitness Center recently earned the Air Force's five-star fitness rating.

"This is the first year the Air Force has had this competition," said Sharon Duell, Complex Fitness Manager. "Out of 110 bases Air-Force wide, we were one of three to receive the five-star rating, and only 10 bases received a four-star rating."

According to Duell, the requirements for the rating are stringent.

"Points are awarded for everything from policies and procedures to customer service," Duell said. "Our management team, military members, and civilian staff stepped up to ensure our high standards are maintained."

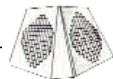
According to the score sheet, policies and procedures must be posted, and total hours of operation must meet or exceed 112 hours per week. In addition to availability, administration, management, and training, standards must be upheld.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Melanie Epperson

Senior Airman Melissa Booker, fitness center specialist, cleans exercise equipment at the fitness center. The efforts of all the Fitness Center staff helped make Peterson's facility one of only three Air Force wide to earn a five-star fitness rating.

See **FIVE-STAR FITNESS**, Page 6



STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN ON WEBSITE

The new Air Force Space Command Strategic Master Plan has been released and is accessible via the command's public website.

The plan, "Strategic Master Plan FY04 and Beyond," presents the AFSPC vision; outlines a strategy to implement this vision; and defines a 25-year plan, integrated across the AFSPC mission areas, to provide the space capabilities required to achieve the vision.

The plan can be found on the AFSPC public website at <http://www.spacecom.af.mil/hqafspc/library/AFSPCPAOffice/Final%2004%20SMP--Signed!.pdf>.

OWC OUTREACH

■ 2002 White House ornaments are for sale from the Officers' Wives' Club for \$15, and Pikes Peak Military Family Cookbooks for \$12. Call Sandy for more information at 535-8127.

■ This month's function is the Annual Cookie Drive and Chili Night, Thursday, 6:30 p.m., at the Mission Support Center (Building 350). Cost is \$1. Please bring six dozen cookies or more. RSVP by Monday to Linh Narum at 597-7010 or LNarum@msn.com.

■ Cookie donations for

dorm residents may be dropped off in coolers in front of 471 and 490 Selfridge, Monday-Wednesday from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

CFC VOLUNTEER AND AWARDS RECOGNITION

This year's Colorado Springs Regional Combined Federal Campaign award and volunteer recognition program is scheduled for today at 2:30 p.m. at the U. S. Air Force Academy's Arnold Hall Auditorium.

The program will recognize all local Air Force, Army, and federal agency CFC workers and supporters for their efforts leading to more than \$1.5 million being raised for local, national, and international charities.

HELP TRACK SANTA

NORAD Public Affairs is looking for volunteers to help answer telephone calls and e-mails generated by NORAD's interactive Web site tracking of Santa.

Volunteers will answer phones and respond to e-mails at Building 313 near the Cheyenne Mountain Visitors' Center for two-hour blocks beginning at 7 a.m. Dec. 24, and continuing until midnight.

The facility will be family friendly, with refreshments and snacks, and videos for the kids.

Volunteer by Wednesday

by sending an e-mail to Master Sgt. Gary Carpenter at gary.carpenter@peterson.af.mil or call 554-3525. Include your preferred times, if you will have family members with you, and if you would prefer to answer e-mails or telephone calls.

EPD SEMINARS

The Peterson Enlisted Professional Development Committee is taking reservations for the following seminars:

- Senior NCO, Wednesday
- NCO, Thursday
- Airman, Dec. 20

All seminars will be held from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in Building 425, Room 2, Aerospace Physiology. For more information, and to make reservations, call Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Rogers at 554-7285 or Master Sgt. Kristin Clark at 556-3152.

RETIREE TAX VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The 21st Space Wing Legal Office is in search of military retirees that would like to volunteer to prepare 2002 tax returns for other retirees. Volunteer days and times are flexible. Tax preparation experience is requested but not required.

All volunteers must pass VITA test. Untrained volunteers must be available 8 a.m.-

4 p.m. Monday-Dec. 20 for IRS-provided tax preparation training.

Contact Bruce Amos at 556-5213 or Staff Sgt. Angela Dyer at 556-4403 for more information, or to volunteer.

HUNTING SEASON AT THE ACADEMY

Hunting season will be in full swing at the academy in upcoming weeks. Elk season began Nov. 1 and will continue through Jan. 31. Deer season will be Thursday-Dec. 21 and Dec. 27-29.

In the interest of safety and efficiency, all hunters will be guided by members of the Division of Wildlife or personnel from Natural Resources.

Please contact the Natural Resources office at (719) 333-3308 with any questions.

BLACK HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

■ The Peterson Black Heritage Committee holds meetings every two weeks on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. at the Chapel. The next meeting will be Dec. 18.

Contact Capt. Roosevelt Boyland at 474-3471 or Yvette Telley at 556-4738 for more information.

■ Come out and enjoy an evening of wine and cheese while viewing artwork and listening to the light sounds of jazz, in support of the Peterson

AFB Black Heritage Committee College Scholarship Fund. The event will be held at the E-City Restaurant located at 4659 Centennial Boulevard in Colorado Springs Dec. 20, from 5:30- 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person.

Contact Fannie Fowler at 556-5870 or Yvette Telley at 556-4738 for tickets.

COMMISSARY IMPROVEMENTS

Major shopper convenience and product display improvements began Sunday at the Commissary.

During the process, there may be some inconveniences, as it may take two nights to stock all the frozen products in the new units. The improvements should be complete by mid-February.

CHILD CARE IN BASE HOUSING

Military spouses who are presently providing child care, or who want to care for children other than their own for a total of 10 hours or more per week, must be licensed to do so in on-base quarters. The mission support group commander may revoke the housing privileges of individuals who provide child care but refuse to become licensed.

To learn more about family child care as a career, call 556-4322.



At the Base Chapel

Protestant
Liturgical Worship, 8:15 a.m.
Traditional Sunday Worship
11 a.m.
Gospel Services, 12:30 p.m.

Catholic
Weekday Mass, 11:35 a.m.
Saturdays, 5 p.m.
Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
Reconciliation Saturdays, 4 p.m.

Protestant Chapel Services combined Sunday

The three Protestant services will meet together at 11 a.m. Dec. 15. This combined service will feature the Chancel Choir presentation of a Christmas musical entitled "Light of the World."

The service and musical will be followed by a potluck dinner. All interested members of the Peterson community are welcome!

****For more information-** Call the chapel at 556-4442 for available chapel programs.

CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY

- A real tree should not lose green needles when you tap it on the ground.

- Cut one inch off the trunk to help absorb water.

- The Christmas tree stand should hold at least one gallon of water.

- An average six-foot tree will use one gallon of water every two days. Check the water level every day.

- Keep the tree away from floor heaters and any heat sources.

-Use only UL-approved lights. Turn off the Christmas lights when you sleep or leave your home.

-Never use candles, even on artificial trees.

Blotter

The following real-life events with real individuals from around the Peterson Complex are to inform you of crimes, accidents, and events occurring on base. The following entries are from hundreds recorded in the Peterson Police Blotter:

***Editor's note: Although the Space Observer staff may make light of some Blotter entries, the intent is to call attention to our security and law enforcement concerns. However, rest assured, our professional Security Forces treat each incident seriously.*

911 medical response #1 -- Dec. 2

Security Forces, the Fire Department, and an ambulance responded to the Fitness Center where a military member was complaining of a possible broken arm. The individual was transported to Memorial Hospital for further treatment.

911 medical response #2 -- Dec. 2

Security Forces, the Fire Department, and an ambulance responded to the Transient Lodging Facility where a military member was requesting assistance for internal pain. The individual was transported to Memorial Hospital for further treatment.

Cleaned plate -- Dec. 3

A transportation member reported to Security Forces that a license plate was missing from a government vehicle. The plate, G42-41779, was off of a "U-Drive-It" vehicle, which is routinely parked by TDY personnel at restaurants and hotels.

Big wheels keep on turnin' -- Dec. 3

Security Forces pounced on a semi-truck, which had entered the base before being properly cleared. The truck was

stopped, and the lackadaisical leadfoot's license checked. A check of the license revealed it was expired, so CSPD responded to the location. A further check by through CSPD revealed the driver's license was entered incorrectly at the DMV, and it was valid. The prohibited Peterbilt was cautioned about proper base entry, then properly proceeded.

No McBurglary -- Dec. 4

Security Forces responded to McDonald's ,where the duress alarm had been activated. In a continuing series of such events, they determined the facility was in order and the alarm activated by McHuman McError.

Wandering wagger -- Dec. 4

A squadron member notified Security Forces that a stray pit bull was loose in the civil engineering compound. Two patrols responded, and caught the hiking hound. The detained doggie was turned over to the Humane Society, who transported it to their facility.

Safe isn't safe -- Dec. 5

A civilian services employee notified Security Forces that a safe was missing \$115 in cash. Seems an employee had failed to secure the safe after-hours when closing the

facility, and a co-worker found it insecure and missing the money upon arriving the next day. Multiple parties had access to the safe area overnight, from cleaning contractor members to co-workers. The same employee also alerted the authorities that \$20 in cash was missing from a cash register. CSPD responded, and investigation is ongoing.

Warrants 'R' Us -- Dec. 6


A Security Forces guard at the West Gate notified the Law Enforcement Desk that an individual had tried to gain access to the base without proper identification. The individual's information was checked through law enforcement channels, and it was discovered he had a felony warrant issued by the Denver Police Dept. for felony theft. The individual was detained and released into the custody of CSPD.

Warm & waiting -- Dec. 6-7

Security Forces responded to the Fire Department, where a government van was reported missing. The van had been temporarily left outside the facility with the keys in the ignition, the engine running, and lights on. When he went back outside, he saw the van driving away. A search of the installation

and notification to other installations did not result in the vehicle being found. The next day, the vehicle was stopped entering the base, and "the rest of the story" came out. Seems some TDY reservists had requested a u-drive-it van. Walking from their area, they spotted this van, engine running, and lights on, assumed it was for them, and proceeded to drive to their off-base lodging. The individuals were released to their supervisor. Case closed, but with many, many basic lessons to include neglectfully leaving a vehicle running unlocked and unattended, and underscoring the cliché of what "assume" can mean by having the audacity to drive away without asking anyone if the van in front of a Fire Department was meant for them! Duh?

I saw a sign -- Dec. 8

An airman called Security Forces after he found eight traffic signs. The Civil Engineering Squadron was contacted and confirmed they didn't have any missing traffic signs. After further investigation, it was determined the signs may have been left behind by construction workers. 

*** If you have any information on a crime, report it to the 21st Security Forces Squadron at 556-4000.*



From Page 3

FIVE-STAR FITNESS: *Peterson Fitness Center earns top rating in the Air Force*

“We have more than 3,000 customers a day here,” Duell said. “Maintaining training and equipment for such a popular facility is a constant task.”

According to Duell, the military staff at the Fitness Center works on an 18-month to two-year rotation. This, she explained, makes training difficult.

“We are in a constant training environment,” she said. “Our people have to be trained in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, first aid, facility and equipment maintenance, front counter operations, intramural sports programs, and special programs.”

Training also includes maintaining and marking of the competition fields for softball, soccer, and flag football, and working as personal trainers.

Equipment is a big item on the score sheet as well.

According to Duell, the equipment must be maintained, no more than five years old, and cleaned daily.

“One of the hardest things to do in a facility this size is to keep it clean,” she said. “Members of the staff do walk-throughs of the facility every half-hour to ensure cleanliness and safety.”

Another scoring area is programs.

“We offer 26 aerobics classes and 20 spinning classes per week,” Duell said.

“We have to monitor not only the programs, but also the instructors’ contracts,” she added.

The Fitness Center’s enhanced programs consist of self-supervised childcare areas in the cardio and aerobics rooms and a collocated health and wellness center.

“Having the HAWC here in the facility helps us rise above other bases,” Duell said. “The fitness and nutrition guidance they give is instrumental to the programs we offer and the overall health of our customers.”

Customer service is one of the most important areas on the score sheet, Duell said.

“Our customers provide excellent feedback



Photos by Staff Sgt. Melanie Epperson

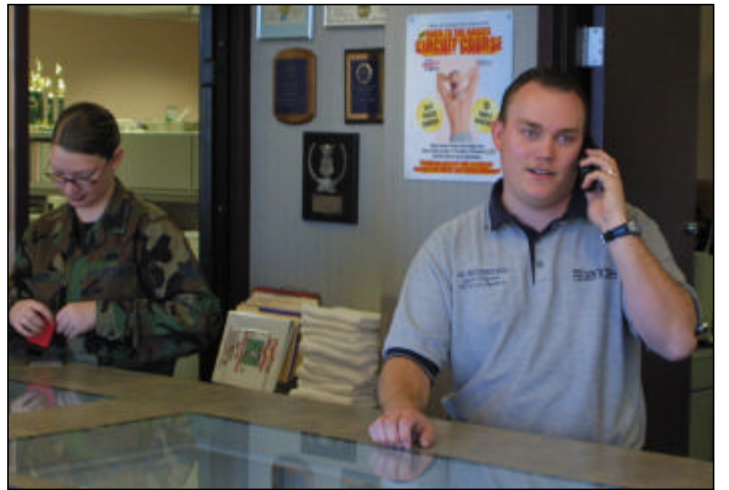
Team Pete members exercise in the Colorado Room at the Fitness Center.

about the facility programs and trends in fitness centers in the off-base community to help us stay on top of the game,” she added. “We also have strong leadership support.”

For Duell, the five-star rating is just a confirmation of the Fitness Center’s commitment to excellence.

“My goal as the complex manager is to provide the cleanest, safest fitness environment with state-of-the-art, well-maintained equipment, and all the latest and greatest programs.”

The Fitness Center is open weekdays from 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., and weekends from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted. Call 556-4462 for more information about the Fitness Center’s programs.



Chris Hicks, Intramural Programs Director, helps a customer on the phone while Senior Airman Melissa Booker works at the front counter.

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Army Space helps soldiers victimized by fire

By Maj. Laura Kenney
[Army Space Command Public Affairs](#)

In the very best tradition of family helping family, soldiers from Army Space Command headquarters recently helped raise money to send care packages to four of their own who had been left with nothing after a barracks fire.

Four Joint Tactical Ground Station soldiers stationed in Korea escaped the fire with their lives and health intact, except for some smoke inhalation injuries. However, the fire that was caused by a faulty built-in humidifier in the basement, left them with just the clothes on their backs, literally.

Upon hearing of their fel-

low soldiers' plight, Army Space Command Headquarters banded together with the Family Support Group to raise money to fill care packages to send overseas.

More than \$500 was raised to mail the packages.

Tina Bailem, Family Support Group Coordinator, and wife of 1st Space Battalion's Command Sergeant Major, Lester Bailem, described the contents of the care packages.

"We have gift certificates for the Army and Air Force Exchange, so they can purchase necessities. We also put in nice thick sweatshirts with Colorado symbols on them and a personal note of concern from the battalion commander

and our group, and, last but not least, homemade cookies for that personal touch.

"We all just felt so terribly sorry for the soldiers, and wanted to do something to help. We'll have fundraisers to send them more later, but we felt we had to get them something right away," she said.

Army Lt. Col. Scott Netherland, 1st Space battalion commander, spearheaded the effort, sending an e-mail detailing the soldiers' situation to all of Army Space, asking for recipients' support.

"This is what the military does, stand by its people. I'm very proud of the quick and generous response," said Netherland.

The four soldiers, staff



Photo by Sharon L. Hartman

1st Sgt. Gene Nixon, Theater Missile Warning Company, assists Tina Bailem, Family Support Group coordinator, in filling care packages to send to Army Space soldiers in Korea, whose barracks rooms were destroyed in a fire.

sergeants Philip Tatum, John Peart, and Jeffrey Patterson, and Sgt. Ronald Morgan, didn't have to wait the notoriously long time a package normally takes to arrive in foreign climes during the holiday season. They received personal hand delivery.

Maj. Shelley Volkwein,

commander of the Theater Missile Warning Company, delivered the packages the weekend after they were assembled, during a command visit to Korea. She performed an assessment of their individual needs to aid in the ongoing efforts to assist the soldiers.



Army Space Command hosts communications conference

By Maj. Laura Kenney
[Army Space Command Public Affairs](#)

The Transformational Communications Office – Senior Leadership Team, a group responsible for many of the actions that will change the face of warfighter communications in the near future, held a conference Nov. 20 at the new Army Space Command headquarters on Peterson Air Force Base.

The TCO, formally organized in September, is responsible for planning and directing the implementation of the Transformational Communications Architecture for the Department of Defense, intelligence community and NASA. The TCO, under Director, Rear Adm. Rand Fisher, who is also the Commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, and Director of Communications at the National Reconnaissance Office, meets monthly in the Pentagon.

At the invitation of Brig. Gen. Richard V. Geraci, Deputy Commanding General, Army Space Command, Deputy Commanding General for Operations, U.S. Space and Missile Defense Command, and also a member of the TCO-SLT, the group scheduled their November meeting to take place at the recently opened Army Space Command facilities.

The TCO-SLT is composed of representatives from the Department of Defense, intelligence community and NASA, with the critical mission of coordinating, synchronizing and directing changes in communications to meet the growing requirements of warfighters and the intelligence community. The ability to transmit detailed information quickly and reliably to and from all parts of the globe will help streamline military command and control, and ensure information superiority, enabling faster deployment of highly mobile forces capable of adapting quickly to changing conditions in the field. Satellite communications play a pivotal role in providing the interoperable, robust, "network-centric" communications needed for future operations

The conference included representatives from Army Space, the National Reconnaissance Office, the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communication and Intelligence, Air Force Space Command, Defense Information Systems Agency, NASA, MILSATCON Joint Program Office, the CIA, US Strategic Command, National Security Space Architect, Naval Operations, HQ Department of the Army Chief Information Office, Communications and Joint Staff Communications. Several members participated from the Pentagon via video teleconference. A tour of the new Army Space Command headquarters was provided.



21st SFS stands guard in Curacao



U.S. Air Force photos

Above: Master Sgt. John Harvey conducts a post check of Airman 1st Class Elberto Scott, assigned to guard the Secretary of State’s aircraft on the island of Curacao in the Caribbean Sea. Both are members of the 21st Security Forces Squadron at Peterson Air Force Base.

Right: 21st SFS members Staff Sgt. Jason Adams and Senior Airman Bonnie Edwards stand guard at the restricted ramp area.



Supertyphoon strikes Guam

By Master Sgt.
Tammy Cournoyer
[Air Force Print News](#)

SAN ANTONIO -- A supertyphoon with sustained winds of 150 mph struck Guam, Dec. 8 and left the island without power and water and only limited telephone service.

No one from Andersen Air Force Base was injured, according to Staff Sgt. Dale Yates, from the 36th Air Base Wing’s public affairs office.

Damage to the base included loss of power, water and major damage to base structures and more than 1,000 downed trees.

Several hangars on base sustained damage to their walls and roofs, and many street signs were down. There is some flooding damage to the base housing units and surrounding community.

Typhoon Pongsona began pounding the base at about 8 a.m. locally, and did not let up until the eye of the storm passed overhead in the early afternoon. Approximately an hour later, the storm’s fury returned and continued until about 10 p.m., said Yates.

Gusts topped out near 200 mph, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

“The power grid for the island is crippled,” said Yates, and water was being rationed. As of early Dec. 9, only incoming phone calls were making it to the base. Outgoing phone service was not available.

Yates said base civil engineers are working around the clock to assess the damage on base; however, the base looks good compared to downtown.

“(Downtown) looks like a war zone,” said Yates. “It’s utter devastation. Power lines are down, and there’s debris everywhere.”

Relief supplies from throughout Pacific Air Forces were expected to arrive Dec. 9, said Yates, and base people were helping each other, especially those whose spouses are deployed supporting Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

President Bush has declared the island a disaster area. FEMA personnel are en route to Guam to help with recovery efforts.

(First Lt. David Faggard from PACAF public affairs contributed to this story.)

A T Y O U R S E R V I C E

Outdoor Rec can take you there

By 2nd Lt. Suzy Kohout
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Catch a ride and some sleep as Outdoor Recreation ski drivers take customers to numerous ski resorts within Colorado.

Every weekend, Outdoor Recreation offers trips to ski resorts such as Keystone, Breckenridge, Monarch, Copper, Loveland, Vail, and more.

“These trips are great day trips,” said K.C. Henderson, Adventure Program Coordinator and driver. “It’s always a great place to meet fellow snowboarders and skiers.”

“Not only do we offer transportation for customers, but we also offer discounted lift tickets,” Henderson added. Transportation per person is \$10.

Each van holds 10 people. When there is more interest, more drivers and vans will be added to the trip.

Trips leave from the Outdoor Recreation building at 6 a.m. and usually return around 7 or 8 p.m.

Transportation is available for any individual who holds a valid identification card to enter base. These individuals may also sponsor people who do not work or are not associated with Peterson onto base.

All drivers are volunteers for Outdoor Recreation. All the volunteers are trained for winter driving safety. In addition, each driver is cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or CPR, and First Aid qualified.

“Each year, I get retrained for CPR and First Aid,” said Mike Floyd, Outdoor Recreation driver. “I think it’s important to know these in any situation, and I feel more confident knowing that I can help somebody in case some-



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Alex R. Lloyd

A skier enjoys the snow on the slopes. Every weekend, Outdoor Recreation offers trips to ski resorts such as Keystone, Breckenridge, Monarch, Copper, Loveland, Vail, and more.

thing happens during the ski trips.”

In addition to coordinating ski trips, Outdoor Recreation also rents out a variety of winter sports equipment.

Winter equipment available for rent includes skis, snowboards, helmets, boots, ski racks, jackets, and more.

“Outdoor Rec can supply everything you’ll need for a ski trip,” said Ben Eng, Outdoor Recreation Manager. “In addition to rental services, the shop offers sharpening and tuning services, repairs skis and snow-

boards, and tests binding releases.”

“Now that the holidays are here, and you’re still looking for Christmas presents for that skier or snowboarder in your family, what better thing to get them than a ride and a ski ticket through Outdoor Rec,” said Henderson.

The Outdoor Recreation shop is open weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and weekends 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. until April 1.

For more information, contact the office at 556-4867.

SERVICES CALENDARS

At the Officers’ Club



December 31 -- New Year’s Eve gala, 6 p.m., dinner is at 7:30 p.m., champagne at midnight, and breakfast at 1 a.m. Reservations are required. Call 574-4100.

Save with coupons for breakfast, Sunday brunch, and Saturday night dinner in the Dec. Good Stuff.

At the Enlisted Club



Monday-Friday -- Enjoy our lunch buffet 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Save \$2.50 off the cost of the buffet with the Good Stuff coupon.

The Enlisted Club will be closed Dec. 22-Jan. 1. We will reopen Jan. 2.

At Outdoor Recreation



December 14 -- Snow Tubing in Woodland Park area. The cost is \$10 per person.

December 20-22 -- Durango Mountain Resort. The cost is \$250 per person and includes transportation, lodging and lift tickets.

This Week

Saturday

■ Safety meeting, 10 a.m. in the Aero Club Ground School Room, our only safety meeting this month.

Sunday

■ Bill of Rights Day. If you can recite the first line of the Bill of Rights, you get a \$10/hr discount on all Cessnas at the Aero Club.

Monday

■ Mothers on the Move exercise group. Call the Family Advocacy nurse at 556-8943 for details.

Tuesday

■ CSB/REDUX. 1-4 p.m. in the Family Support Center classroom, 135 Dover Street, Building. 350, Room 1016. This once-a-month class focuses on the new military Thrift Savings Plan, Career Status Bonus, REDUX, and retirement planning. To register, call the FSC at 556-6141, or stop by Room 1016.

Thursday

■ Play Group, 10:30a.m.-noon, Chapel

Friday

■ UNISERV TSP. 1-2:30 p.m. This once a month class offers an overview of the Thrift Savings Plan. To register, call the FSC at 556-6141, or stop by Room 1016.
■ A \$5/hr discount on all aircraft today at the Aero Club.

Helpful Numbers

- Family Advocacy 556-8943
- Education Center 556-4064
- Library 556-7462
- Community Center 556-7671
- Aquatics Center 556-4608
- Fitness Center 556-4462
- Officers’ Club 556-4181
- Enlisted Club 556-4194
- Youth Center 556-7220
- Family Support 556-6141
- Red Cross 556-9201
- Aragon Menu Line 556-4782
- Outdoor Recreation 556-4487
- Golf Course 556-7810

This Week

CONDOR CREST

Readiness exercise tests wing's ability to survive, operate

By Tech. Sgt. Gino Mattorano
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

The 21st Space Wing Inspector General and a team of weapons of mass destruction experts from Texas A&M University put the 21st Space Wing's readiness and response abilities to the test in a wing-wide exercise conducted Tuesday - Thursday.

The exercise focused on testing the wing's response to a weapons of mass destruction (WMD) exercise scenario, while also testing its response to a wide variety of potential contingencies.

The Texas A&M team has been tasked to provide training and evaluation of federal installations' abilities to react to a WMD incident. Peterson is one of six test bases to receive the training, according to Louis Collachi, 21st Space Wing Inspector General Exercise Director.

"This exercise was an excellent opportunity for us to measure the effectiveness of our readiness and response capabilities," said Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, 21st Space Wing Commander. "These exercises help us to determine our strengths, and the areas we need improvement, to prepare first for real-world contingencies and, second, for our upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection.

"Despite the fact that a significant number of people from the wing are deployed, our units did an outstanding job of responding to the tough scenarios presented by the exercise controllers," he added.



Photos by Joe Fischer

Above: A bombing victim sits in the triage area awaiting medical transportation during a weapons of mass destruction exercise scenario Tuesday.

Right: Security Forces members establish a cordon around a simulated accident scene.



Left to right Staff Sgt. Jennifer Shuman, Senior Airman Abby Maldonado and Lt. Col. Mark Kraupheim, all from the 810th Medical Operations Squadron, work to bandage a victim during an exercise scenario Tuesday.



Senior Airman Pamela Wiggins, 810th Medical Operations Squadron, tests a Security Forces member for radiation contamination during a WMD exercise scenario.



Left: Col. Marvin Fisher, 21st Mission Support Group Commander, briefs members of the Disaster Control Group about existing exercise scenarios.



Holiday airport travel tips

The Transportation Security Administration deployed federally trained screeners at the Colorado Springs Municipal Airport just before Thanksgiving.

In looking forward to the Christmas and New Year travel season, we examined our Thanksgiving experiences and noted several areas where we felt some clarification of the customer's role in aviation security might be helpful.

Some examples of what you should consider in order to better navigate the security process include the following.

■ All camera film should be packed in carry-on baggage, as equipment used to screen checked bags may damage undeveloped film.

■ Plan how and what is packed, as some items may be included in checked baggage, but are prohibited in carry-on items.

■ Wrap gifts upon arrival at your destination, or ship packages in advance. Wrapped gifts in both checked and carry-on

baggage may need to be opened if further inspection is required.

■ Uniforms, by definition, usually contain additional metal items. Fatigue uniforms, particularly, will include substantial metal reinforcing in the boots. Try to avoid wearing clothing and accessories with lots of metal that will set off checkpoint alarms.

■ When approaching the security checkpoint, place metal objects in your carry-on bag, take laptops out of their carrying cases, and remove outer coats or jackets. It is not necessary to remove suit or sport coats.

TSA has recently launched a web site at www.tsatraveltips.us, which contains listings of prohibited items as well as other travel tips.

Topics include traveling with small children, guidance for travelers with disabilities or other special needs, and a list of Frequently Asked Questions. *(Courtesy of Transportation Security Administration, Colorado Springs Airport)*



Operation Holiday Kids

The men and women of the 21st Mission Support Group are initiating the third annual Operation Holiday Kids.

The purpose of Operation Holiday Kids is to reach out to young lives in Colorado Springs who are in need. Holiday Kids partners with agencies in our community who serve children to put gifts in hands that would otherwise go unfilled.

Your contribution of a new toy or a new piece of clothing will positively impact not only children in need, but their families and community agency caregivers as well. Last year the 21st Space Wing donated more than \$6,000 in gifts to local agencies.

When you place your gift in one of the Operation Holiday Kids boxes, you place it in the hands of a child. There is no such thing as a "small" gift. Every donation will be go to a disadvantaged child in our local community.

With your support, Operation Holiday Kids can perpetuate the 21st Space Wing's legacy of caring for our local community and its children. If you are interested in donating, donation boxes are located in the following locations: Buildings 350, 365, 982, 1324, 1376, The Base Library, the Fitness Center, the Bowling Center, the Golf Club and the Aragon Dining Facility. Donations will be accepted through Dec. 20.

If you have any question on how you can assist, call Master Sgt. Doug Guldan at 556-7791.



Alaskan squadron delivers Christmas

By By Staff Sgt. Nate Hier
[3rd Wing Public Affairs](#)

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska – The 517th Airlift Squadron here made its annual pilgrimage to a remote Alaskan village Dec. 3 with Christmas gifts and cheer.

The 517th AS "Firebirds" have been making the trip to Arctic Village for more than 30 years.

The tradition began in 1967 when the porcupine caribou herd -- the villagers' primary source of food -- changed its migratory trek because of forest fires. The squadron, then known as the 17th Tactical Airlift Squadron, flew the village hunters to the herd and returned with their meat, saving the village from starvation.

Since then, the Arctic Village Booster Club -- through the support of the 517th Spouses Group and squadron volunteers -- has brought food, clothing, school supplies, and gifts to the villagers every year.

"It's all about the children," said Linda Stephenson, a spouses group member who made her third trip to Arctic Village. "To see the smiles on their little faces is just amazing. The only Santa most of the villagers have ever seen has come off an Air Force C-130 (Hercules)."

One such villager, Bertha Ross, was just 4 years old in 1967 when the tradition began.

"When I was a little girl, Santa Claus would fly over waving from the side door, and the men would drop Santa's gifts out the back," said Ross. "It was the most exciting thing for the whole year."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Theo McNamara

Isaiah, 12 weeks old, gets his first "lap-time" with a C-130 Hercules Santa from Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. Isaiah was one of two Arctic Village, Alaska, children seeing Santa for the first time.

Besides school supplies and gifts for the children, volunteers also brought meat to help alleviate a poor caribou-hunting season because of another change in the herd's migratory patterns. They also brought other staples, such as butter, bacon, flour, and sugar, in addition to a laser printer and a new copier for the village council.

There were also some new additions to the traditional cargo this year. Spouse Lori Porter, a pediatrician, worked hard to obtain needed medical supplies.

Elaine Hedden, another spouse who is a physical therapist, worked with the villagers on various stretching exercises. One villager in particular -- recently shot in the knee while hunting -- received one-on-one training to aid in his recovery.

One of the biggest additions to this year's event came from an Angel Tree the booster club set up in downtown Anchorage.

"Having the Angel Tree

was an absolute huge help," said Stephenson. "That really helped let the community know what this annual event is all about and allowed them another avenue to join in and help."

The booster club also raised \$13,000 through their annual auction, during which community businesses donated money and gifts.

Much has changed in the last 35 years for both the villagers and the volunteers. While Ross is no longer an excited little girl standing on the frigid runway waiting for Santa to open the door, she took just as much pleasure in this year's visit by bringing the next generation into the magic of this unique Christmas tradition.

During the celebration in the village community center, where Santa handed out presents to each of the 74 children, Ross was holding two village infants as they saw their first "C-130 Santa Claus."

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



Peak Performer



Name: Airman 1st Class Christopher R. Atkins
Unit: 7th Space Warning Squadron
Duty Title: Space Console Operator
Time in Service: 14 months
Hometown: Sandusky, Ohio
Off-duty Interests: I am a private pilot. I also enjoy computers and time with my crew and friends.

Favorite part of your job: The knowledge that during every shift, I am part of the worldwide space team providing collision detection and avoidance for the crews on the International Space Station. My own crew is what makes coming to work everyday fun and exciting. My operations officer once told me that people are what make an assignment enjoyable, and he was right.
What inspires you to do what you do? My dream to become

an astronaut and take part in space exploration. My responsibilities in the 1C6 career field. The Air Force has given me a level of dedication I never knew was within me.
What goals do you have: My short-term goal is to score better than 90 percent on my Career Development Course tests. My long-term goal is to get my associate's degree from the Community College of the Air Force before my first term of enlistment is over. ✈️

Tired of your current job? Don't get out - Retrain

By Master Sgt. Laura Velasquez
21st SW Career Assistance Advisor

One of the most common reasons airmen choose to get out of the Air Force is because they feel “stuck” in their current job.

When asked why they felt that way, the answers were baffling.

I’ve had first-term airmen tell me their supervisors told them they couldn’t retrain due to manning shortages. Or, they couldn’t retrain because they were in a critical skill. I’ve even had first-term airmen tell me they didn’t know they had a right to apply for retraining in conjunction with reenlistment.

For airmen, their first term is one of the few times in a career when changing jobs is actually quite easy.

There are also NCOs who would like a change. Maybe not to completely change jobs, but they’d like to take a break from their current routine. Go for it. There are several special duty positions available. Recruiter, Military Training Instructor, PME instructor, and courier are only a few of the many special duty opportunities.

Finally, there’s the group who simply don’t think changing jobs will re-energize them. They’ve had enough, and feel it’s time to move on. Unfortunately, when they move on to a totally different job in the civilian sector, they have to start all over toward their retirement program. If you look at the statistics, most people will change careers four to five times during their working years. Why start over that many times? Why not stay with the Air Force and keep advancing when you change jobs?

Whatever your situation, get the facts before you decide to separate. Talk to the experts in the employment element of the MPF. Do some research on retraining through the AFPC Web site. And, if you want to talk to someone who’s gotten reenergized just by taking on a new job, just give me a call.

For more information, call the MPF Employments element or visit the AFPC web site, <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills>. Call Master Sgt. Laura Velasquez, 21st SW Career Assistance Advisor, at 556-4824 for career questions. ✈️



Afghanistan lessons for all of us

(Editor's note: The following story was written by a B-52 pilot from the 2nd Operations Support Squadron identified by the call sign "Fess Parker.")

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. -- More than 20 years ago, I raised my hand and promised to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic. Since then, our nation has won the Cold War with the Soviet Union and fought major battles in Grenada in 1983, Panama in 1989, Iraq in 1991, Bosnia in 1995, Kosovo in 1999, and Afghanistan in 2001.

As each conflict came and went, I wondered if I would ever be called upon to make a difference. Each time I was in a job where my unit wasn't called.

Finally, in 2001, I was a B-52 pilot in a front-line unit, but again my unit wasn't called. I watched as our sister squadron deployed last September to take the battle to Al Qaeda and the Taliban. I felt pride that the old B-52 "BUFF" still instills fear in the enemies of the United States. But I wondered if my efforts over the last 20 years had made any difference. Though serving in a calling, I had never been called.

In January 2002, my turn came. I deployed to a lovely island location. Our task? Maintain a presence over Afghanistan to respond if needed.

A typical mission (26 hours from get-up to go-to-bed) went like this: take off, fly a few hours north and take on 20,000 gallons from a tanker. Fly another couple of hours to Afghanistan. Bore holes in the sky for several hours waiting for a tasking. Turn south and carry all the weapons back to the island. Hours flown: around 17. Distance covered: about 8,000 miles. Weapons dropped: 0. Difference made: unknown.

Our long flights seemed to result in little more than bone-tired crews and hours of maintenance work for our crew chiefs. This went on for six weeks.

At the end of February, we got the first indication that we were indeed making a difference. We received an e-mail message from a group of British special forces soldiers.

They had encountered a force of Taliban and began to negotiate the enemy's surrender. Soon both sides realized the Brits were outnumbered and outgunned. The negotiations began to go badly. Then one of the Brits noticed the contrail of a B-52 overhead. He reminded the Taliban negotiator of the Buff's presence. The negotiations then proceeded smoothly and the Taliban surrendered.

In early March, we supported Operation ANA-

"Are you ready to quit?

Hang in there.

*Are you tired? Keep at
it. One day you will reap
— if you don't quit."*

CONDA, the most intense fighting encountered so far by American troops in Afghanistan. Al Qaeda fighters had holed up on a ridgeline near the town of Gardez. The Soviets had spent years trying to dislodge the Afghans from this area with no success. We planned to do it in a few days.

During the early hours of the fight, my crew was tasked to destroy an Al Qaeda mortar position. The ground controller spoke in excited tones and urgently requested we strike this mortar. If we took too long, he would likely not be around, he said.

After getting the location, double-checking the coordinates against the positions of friendly forces and clearing the airspace below, we released on the target. In a few moments the ground controller, in a calm and collected voice, said, "Thanks, that did it."

As we returned to base with empty bomb racks, I considered all the effort it took to give me the opportunity to hear, "Thanks, that did it." Thinking about the critical people who put a single B-52 over Afghanistan humbled me.

On our island, we had bus drivers, wrench turners, cooks, personnel specialists, security forces, civil engineers and a few aircrew members. Back home, we had thousands whose job it was to keep the airplanes healthy and flying over here.

We call my part the pointy end of the spear. My crew's effort that day was a tiny point on a massive spear, the spear of support of the American people, of the American way of life.

One part of that spear was a bus driver. On the day Operation ANACONDA began, my crew headed for our mission briefing. But the usual bus was missing. We waited a bit, then started making phone calls. As the time for our mission brief approached, the

phone calls got more heated.

Finally, a bus showed up 15 minutes late. The driver got an earful about the importance of being on time. His name was taken. His supervisor would be informed. This bus driver would have to shape up. Didn't he know there were lives on the line?

A little investigation showed the bus driver was in the 14th hour of a 12-hour shift. While turning in his bus, he got the call about my crew's lack of transportation. He volunteered to extend his shift by about 30 minutes. His effort got our crew to the briefing on time on the day we took out a mortar position. The missing bus turned out to be our duty officer's fault.

The driver sowed diligence and self-sacrifice and seemed to reap only grief. Did the airman make a difference that day? You bet. Did he get an "atta boy!?" He should have, but we failed to tell him the importance of his efforts to a ground controller thousands of miles away in Afghanistan.

The driver helped me realize my life had made a difference before that day. I realized my efforts as a civil engineer, instructor pilot and staff officer mattered. It wasn't dropping bombs over Afghanistan that made my life count. It was simply showing up, doing my job well, day after day, year after year. Persistence, self-sacrifice, diligence — that's what made my efforts significant.

What about you? Are you making a difference? Or are you frustrated with your job, your boss, your co-workers, your spouse or your kids?

The lesson from Afghanistan is the same one Paul wrote about in the Bible almost 2,000 years ago when he spoke on the principle of sowing and reaping. Some people faithfully sow in their jobs, in their family, in their church, and in their community, but somehow they feel they always miss out on the reaping part. They look at their lives and can't tell whether their contributions have made any difference. Paul gave us a simple piece of advice: "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

Are you ready to quit? Hang in there. Are you tired? Keep at it. One day you will reap — if you don't quit.

To the bus driver who picked up my crew that day in March, I offer these simple words from a ground controller in Afghanistan: "Thanks, that did it."

(Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)



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Bowling for Guardian Challenge

Below: Col. Diann Latham, 21st Space Wing Vice Commander, struts her stuff at the Guardian Challenge bowl-a-thon Dec. 6 at the Bowling Center. Latham was one of many Team Pete members to participate in the bowl-a-thon to raise money for the Guardian Challenge competition.
Right: Tech. Sgt. Jorge Hinojos lines up a shot during Guardian Challenge bowling action at the Bowling Center.



Photo by Senior Airman Shane Sharp



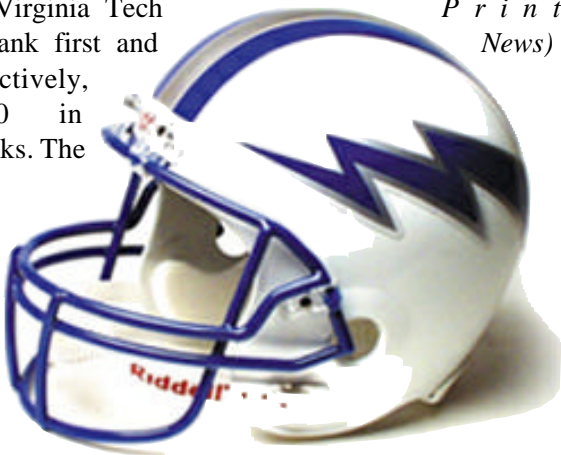
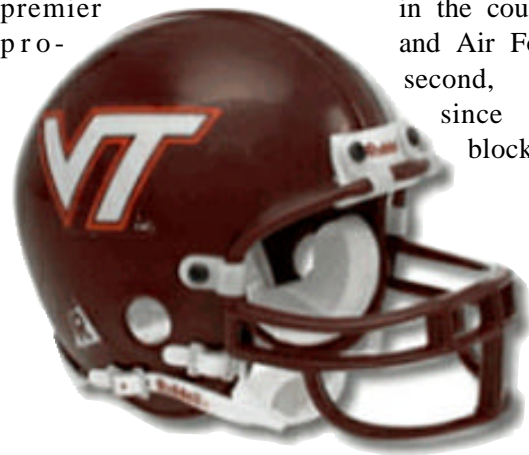
Photo by Robb Lingley

San Fran Bowl: Air Force vs. Va. Tech

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. -- Virginia Tech has been selected as the Big East Conference representative for the 2002 Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl on Dec. 31. The 18th-ranked Hokies will take on Air Force at 7:30 p.m. PST on New Year's Eve in Pacific Bell Park.
Virginia Tech and Air Force will meet for the first time since Air Force defeated the Hokies, 23-7, in the 1984 Independence Bowl.
"We feel we have one of the best matchups in the 2002-03 bowl lineup," said Gary Cavalli, executive director of the bowl. "We have two of the premier pro-

grams in the country and two of the top coaches in the nation."
Virginia Tech finished the regular season 9-4 overall and 3-4 in the Big East. Air Force ended its regular season with an 8-4 overall mark and a 4-3 record in the Mountain West Conference. "I have all the respect in the world for Virginia Tech and the job Frank Beamer has done there," said Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry. "We're very excited about the opportunity to play such a nationally-respected program."
The game features two of the premier special team's units in the country. Virginia Tech and Air Force rank first and second, respectively, since 1990 in blocked kicks. The

Hokies have blocked 85 while Air Force has 79.
The game also features the third and fourth longest tenured coaches in the nation. DeBerry has been at Air Force for 19 years while Beamer has been at Virginia Tech 16 years. Only Penn State's Joe Paterno (37) and Bobby Bowden (27) of Florida State have been at their school's longer.
The bowl game is the 17th in Air Force history and 12th in the DeBerry era.
Air Force is 8-7-1 all-time in bowl games. DeBerry has led the Falcons to a 6-5 bowl record.
(Courtesy of Air Force
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Intramural basketball standings

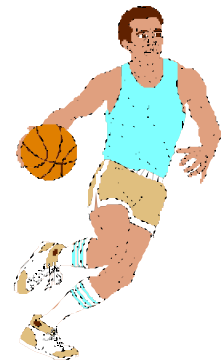


Over-30 Monday, Wednesday division

	Wins	Losses
HQ AFSPC	5	0
STRATCOM	3	1
HQ AFSPC/CE	3	2
CMOC	2	4
NORTHCOM	1	2
21 SFS	1	3
21 SVS	1	3
AFSPC/IG	0	1

Competitive division

	Wins	Losses
21 SFS	4	0
21 OSS	3	1
810 MDOS	2	2
21 CES	2	3
21 SCS	0	4



Over-30 Tuesday, Thursday division

	Wins	Losses
21 SCS	5	0
AFOTEC	4	1
367 RCS	2	1
AFSPC/DOT	1	1
Team Colorado	2	3
21 CES	1	2
HQ NORAD	1	4
AFSPC/CSS	0	4

Recreational division

	Wins	Losses
1 SPCS	5	1
AFSPC/CSS	4	2
Team Colorado	4	1
721 SFS	3	3
84 ALF	2	4
ARSPACE	0	6